

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 1, 5, 14, 15, 18, 27, 29, 30 and 32 remain active in the application subsequent to entry of this Amendment.

In the Official Action the examiner has indicated claims 4, 15, 17, 28, 31 and 32 to be directed to allowable subject matter. With this indication in mind the following actions have been taken:

The subject matter of claim 4 has been added to claim 1.

The subject matter of claims 16 and 17 has been added to claim 14 and the dependency of claim 18 adjusted accordingly.

The subject matter of claim 28 has been added to claim 27; and

The subject matter of claim 31 has been added to claim 30.

As of consequence of these changes, claims 4, 16, 17, 28 and 31 have been canceled.

In addition to these amendments claims 1, 15, 27 and 30 have been amended to replace the "substantially the same composition" with "mainly made of an oxide having a $\text{Pb}(\text{Zr,Ti})\text{O}_3$ perovskite structure" as in claim 14.

Applicants submit that the claims as above amended are directed to allowable subject matter for the reasons already recognized by the examiner in the Official Action.

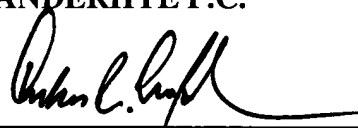
If for any reason this Amendment does not place all claims in condition for allowance the examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

A Notice of Allowance is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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